

Docket No. 740756-2289

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1746
Serial No. 09/818,513) Examiner: Gentle E. Winter
Filed: March 28, 2001)
For: FILM-FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF) Date: February 10, 2003
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of January 8, 2002,
Applicants respond as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 18-26 without prejudice or disclaimer to file a divisional
application directed thereto.

REMARKS

The Official Action of January 8, 2003 was received and its contents carefully reviewed.
In response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group III (claims 16 and 17) drawn to a
method of manufacturing, classified in class 427, subclass 66.

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